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A portrait of Donna Brazile, a Black woman with short, styled hair, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored top and a beaded necklace. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

Donna Brazile

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PRESIDENT

BY TONY ATWATER

Steward of Place

In March, the university celebrated its second **\$1-million gift** in support of the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex.

Indiana business leader Ed Bratton, well known and highly respected throughout the region, is the benefactor who made this major contribution. Mr. Bratton understands how the KCAC figures prominently in the future economic vitality of Western Pennsylvania.

Construction on the KCAC officially began in February and continues on schedule for the \$53.49-million, 150,000-square-foot facility along Indiana's Wayne Avenue, adjacent to the university. The KCAC, to be completed in summer 2014, is projected to have a \$22-million economic impact on the region during construction and an annual economic impact of \$12.5 million in each year of operation.

Mr. Bratton's gift, along with many others we have received, actively demonstrates a continuing commitment to the growth and vitality of the commonwealth. I mentioned during the KCAC groundbreaking ceremony in November that IUP is very proud to be playing a leadership role in the realization of the KCAC.

The university has a responsibility to be a servant-leader in promoting a brighter future for the region in which IUP resides. This is sometimes referred to as being a "steward of place." It is exciting to be at a university that prioritizes this special role. Consequently, IUP will continue to forge significant partnerships that reflect and advance our role as a steward of place.

Mr. Bratton's generous gift reflects the continued resolve of our supporters to assist IUP as the region's ambassador in accomplishing this mission. Truly, we will all be beneficiaries of the long-term, positive impact of the KCAC, and we thank all of our donors who have made commitments to this important capital project. 🐾

Tony Atwater



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Dr. Thibadeau

In 1970, as a student at IUP, I was enrolled in a class taught by the best teacher I ever had—Dr. Eugene Thibadeau. What I learned in that class probably saved my career, and quite possibly my life, as a teacher in the metropolitan New Jersey public schools! I will be forever indebted to Dr. Thibadeau, as will many of his students of the past thirty-eight years.

Gene recently retired, and I would hope that the university will take note of his great contributions to the teaching profession! Thousands of students have benefited from his instruction over the years, both in the undergraduate setting and in postgraduate programs offered summers at IUP and around the world. The monies generated through enrollment in his courses must be staggering—income sorely missed in these challenging economic times.

Please take time to recognize this man's contributions to so many who now practice in our schools across America—his teaching has inspired us all.

*Robert Mitchell '71
Southport, Maine*

Professor Bowes

As a member of the original twenty-four graduates in the Theater Department, I was saddened to see just a small squib in the back of the current magazine about the death of Professor Mal Bowes.

The Theater Department became the Theater Department in large part because of the vision of Professor Bowes. And while he spent thirty years of his life teaching and mentoring actors, he had been at IUP longer than 1976.

In the early seventies, theater classes were bunched under the English Department. It wasn't until 1976 when the theater professors broke away that the Theater Department was formed.

While I won't diminish the important contributions of other staff and professors, the early stages of what is now the Department of Theater and Dance came about largely because of Professor Bowes's hard work, tenacity, and vision. The renovation of Waller Hall in 1989 was done under his direction and care.

I am proud to be one of the three original graduates of the class of 1978. Sadly, at the recent dedication of the new performing arts center, none of the original twenty-four graduates—the Core 24—was acknowledged, even though many were aware that some of us were in attendance.

On September 18, 2008, I had the honor to visit Professor Bowes and his wife before the dedication. It was a very bittersweet time. Rich Snyder, one of my best friends from IUP, and I reminisced with Mal for about an hour, and when I left, I knew it would be the last time I would see him alive.

I read every issue of *IUP Magazine*, and it is rare that I see a full article about the Theater Department or its history. Mal Bowes deserves more than a mere five lines on page 29.

*Victoria Blum Rosendahl '78
Urbanna, Va.*

What a School, What a Change

I recently traveled to Indiana on business and discovered what used to be my freshman dormitory at IUP is now gone. To my amazement, many familiar buildings were gone, but others were being constructed. IUP is truly getting a "facelift."

IUP has some very notable alumni, but Mr. Chad Hurley has got to be right up at the top. His donation to the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex was truly great. I urge other alumni to support this project as well. The economic impact of this project will be tremendous for the

region. Being an hour's drive from Indiana, I definitely plan on seeing the finished project in 2011.

Everyone should be proud of the advancements and achievements IUP is making. The bottom line is that IUP is becoming more and more respected, and all the hard work the university has done in the past several years is really paying off. The education I received was second to none. I've sat across the table from coworkers and competitors that graduated from Virginia Tech, Penn State, Utah, Wisconsin, BYU, Michigan State, Shippensburg, and Slippery Rock, to name a few. The education I received from IUP is equal to, if not better, than theirs. IUP has taught me well, and I'm grateful to the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology and to what is now the Employment and Labor Relations Department. Go, Crimson Hawks!

P.S. *IUP Magazine* is great. Keep up the outstanding work!

*Tim Shick '04, M'05
DuBois, Pa.*

Arizona Appreciation

I just wanted to write to you to let you know how impressed I was that the Alumni Office representatives came out to Tucson, Arizona, last Saturday for an Alumni Reception. This was the first time they ever came out here, and I was so thankful and appreciative that they did.

They updated us on the "goings on" of the university and had complimentary appetizers and a trivia contest. I couldn't believe there are actually 200 Tucsonans who are IUP graduates! Thank you for coming out—I look forward to the next visit.

*Laura Snyder-Ewens '79
Tucson, Ariz.*



awards

IUP President's Medal of Distinction

To Nancy Newkerk, in recognition of her professional achievement and dedication, support, and service to the university

National Science Teacher Education Association

Full National Recognition

Accorded to IUP's science education programs—Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Earth and Space Science Education, and Physics Education—with the result that 100 percent of the university's teacher education programs are nationally recognized by individual, specialized recruiting agencies

2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

IUP selected for the honor roll, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that fosters civic service and volunteering

Kennedy Center Regional Competition Selection

An IUP Theater-by-the-Grove production of *Violet Sharp*, directed by faculty member Barbara Blackledge, was selected for January competition in Region II, marking the sixth time in seven years an IUP theater production received the honor

there's more magazine at www.iup.edu/magazine

"Going Places"

The following letter was sent to IUP Magazine Contributing Editor Bob Fulton:

Recently, I arrived at work to find an *IUP Magazine* opened to an article that you had written. The article had a picture of my brother applauding his diver's performance at the Olympic Trials. One of my colleagues with a daughter that attends IUP saw the article and knew I would love to see it, so she left it on my desk.

Immediately, the picture brought a flood of emotions to me. Then, I read the wonderfully written article, and I actually cried. In just two short pages, you portrayed a very clear picture of my brother's path to his most recent accomplishment of earning the Head Olympic Diving Coach title.

I have read many articles about my brother in the last year, but your article, "Going Places," was the most well written of all. It was simple and easy to follow, yet, with your use of his quotes in just the right places, it helped me to experience the emotions he must have had while preparing for and living his dream. When I called him later to talk to him about the excellent article, he explained how you took a lot of time interviewing him and getting

everything just right. I am nominating my brother for the Wall of Fame at our former high school. I must submit documentation, articles, and pictures to the committee in February. Your timely article will be right on top! Thank you for doing a great job.

*Sandra Felice
Greensburg, Pa.*

Spring Weekend

The picture on page 21 of the Winter issue of *IUP Magazine* is a Sigma Kappa Spring Weekend Retreat at Cook Forest, Pa. in 1959.

Pictured are back row, left to right: Nancy Buzard '61 (with trumpet), Mary Jane Sayers Williams '58, Mary Lou Anderson Carnahan '60, Dolores Jancech Carlson '61 (deceased), Elizabeth Gray '60, and Carole Umbarger Bogan '60. Front row, left to right: Carolyn Drushel Hervey '60 and Judith Snare Gabbard '60 (deceased).

Thanks for including the picture in All about Alumni and for the inquiry of place and participants.

*Carolyn Drushel Hervey '60
Allison Park, Pa.*

Bill Allison Found!

To Ann Butekoff '91, of Parma, Ohio, whose letter was published in the Winter issue, and to Karen Kos '79 of Tucson, Ariz., whose letter was published in 2005:

Dear Fans of Bill Allison,

He is alive and well near Pottsville, Pa. We've been friends from the age of five, I think, and we graduated high school together.

Bill was not in college while we were, but he lived it, vicariously, when he'd come to visit and play for us at IUP, most often in the dorm lounges, or in the Union. I was an art major in Stewart and Mack my first two years ('73-'75), which is when Bill started coming out to visit.

His singing is still beautiful, magical, and deeply heartfelt, although I have not heard much, live, in recent years, as I live in Pittsburgh. I'm sure he would love to hear from all of you, his fan club, and maybe we can convince him to go on tour through Parma, Ohio, and Tucson.

*Kitty Spangler '77
Pittsburgh*

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IUP BY THE NUMBERS

More to Like on the Website

Coinciding with the release of this issue of *IUP Magazine* is the relaunch of the magazine website at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Aside from its new look, the magazine website offers more Web-only features, known as Web Exclusives, and, as it evolves, will continue to offer more opportunities for reader participation and submissions via the Web. Icons in the print magazine will identify content that is expanded on the website through Alumni Extra and Web Exclusives.

Web Exclusives now appearing on the magazine website include:

• **Breezedale through the decades:**

A collection of stories as well as photos, floor plans, and other images of Breezedale over the years from the *IUP Magazine* cache

• **The transition of *Transition*:** A recap of the history and relocations of the steel sculpture—often referred to as the “three J’s”—created by the three art students in the early eighties

• **IUP in Second Life:** A look at IUP’s presence in the on-line virtual world of Second Life and how it enhances the academic experience


With the capability of covering topics in greater depth, the new Web presence is intended to supplement the print edition and improve reader access to the treasury of information in the *IUP Magazine* collection.

The new magazine website is just one of a number of changes IUP’s website, www.iup.edu, has undergone in the past year.

The launch of the new university site in

January 2008—which followed two other revamps since the initial website launch in June 1997—involved an updated look and feel, including a change of major colors from blue and yellow to the more familiar IUP crimson and gray. It featured different navigation—the menus, breadcrumbs, and other links that help users get where they want to go (and figure out where they are). And, though not as visibly noticeable, the focus and the structure of the website changed, intended for easier use by prospective students and their parents as well as IUP alumni, whose main contact with IUP is likely via the Web.

 **EXTRA** indicates more content on the magazine website in Alumni Extra.

 **EXCLUSIVE** indicates more about this story on the magazine website in Web Exclusives.



These numbers chronicle use of the new university website, from February 2008 through February 2009



ABOUT OUR VISITORS:

Locations represented:

- 220 countries and territories
- All 50 states, plus the District of Columbia

Browsers:

- 80 percent using Internet Explorer
- 16 percent using Firefox
- 4 percent using other browsers

Operating systems:

- 95 percent using Windows
- 4 percent using Macintosh

- 1 percent using another operating system

Other:

- 91 percent with broadband

Search:

- "iup" is the most common search term bringing visitors.

CONTENT:

(Figures are approximate)

- 45,000 pages on the old website
- 30,000 pages on the new site (as of January 31, 2009)
- 107 pages updated, on average, each business day

MAINTENANCE:

- 4 staff members running the website
- 409 web maintainers (faculty, staff members, and students who submit and maintain content for their department or office websites)

HISTORY:

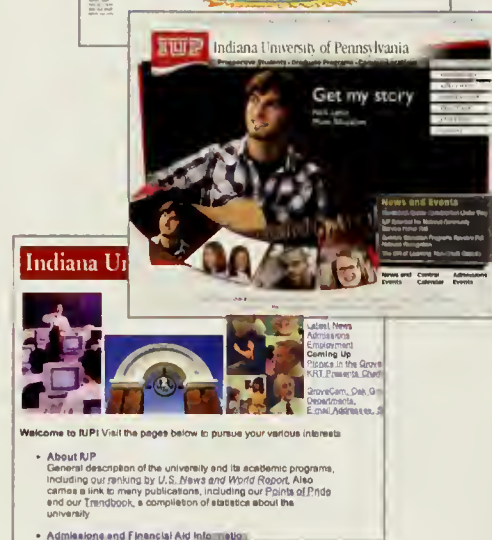
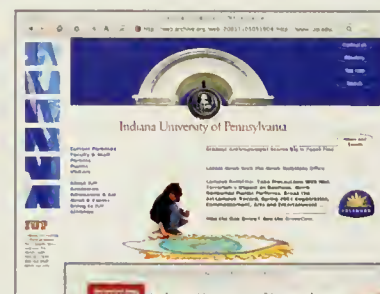
- April 1990: iup.edu registered
- June 1997: First IUP website launched

IUP WEBSITE TRAFFIC RANKING:

- 29,954 worldwide, as of January 2009
- 8,424 in the U.S., as of January 2009 (Source: Alexa.com)

TOTAL WEBSITES WORLDWIDE:

- 185,497,213, as of January 2009 (Source: Netcraft website, http://news.netcraft.com/archives/web_server_survey.html)



● **NEWEST HONOR:** For a man who has spent much of his life responding to grave crisis situations (Beirut, the *Achille Lauro*, Pan Am Flight 103), Robert Anderson '67 is admirably upbeat. In December, President Tony Atwater, left, presented him with an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from IUP. He also has a master's degree from the University of Chicago, a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, and a D.Ed. degree from Nova Southeastern University. Anderson is an expert in psychological operations, combat stress, and terrorism. Now director of behavior medicine and bioethics for the Utah Valley Family Medicine Residency Program, he draws from more than twenty years' experience in the U.S. Air Force, serving in social work and mental health settings.



THIS IS YOUR MOMENT

BY KAREN GRESH

Donna Brazile, CNN commentator and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, spoke in Eberly Auditorium at the end of January.

The occasion was the nineteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Program, sponsored by the African American Cultural Center and other IUP departments and organizations.

That very morning, Brazile told students, faculty members, and townspeople, she had witnessed in the White House East Room the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay

Act. The law was named for an Alabama tire factory supervisor who, toward the end of a nineteen-year career, discovered she had been paid less than men in similar jobs. After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against her, Congress eventually approved legislation that expanded workers' rights to sue in similar cases and relaxed the statute of limitations.

"You have changed history with the election of 2008," she told the audience. "You have dared to make a difference. Now, you must answer the call."

"We will never be able to give her her money back," Brazile said of Ledbetter, "but we will make sure that her granddaughters and her nieces will never work for less money because of their gender."

Brazile said she had first met the bill's signer, Barack Obama, in 2002, when he had come to her office "to see about putting together a coalition." Since that time, she said, Obama had "turned apathy and indifference into activism."

In speaking of King, Brazile said, "The dream was to create a beloved community, to build a promised land, where we could all be one. He would have been eighty years old this month." Malcolm X, she said, "had a lot of deep meaning for a little child in the South."

"When you look at the last forty years of history," she said, "think of all the healing that must be done. How do we use this moment to remake America?"

"We should be honest and open," she said. "We should be willing to put some hard truths on the table."

"This is not about what Obama can do for us. This is not about how Obama is going to do this and that. The President is calling on us to serve. Will you answer the call?"

She warned that "This is going to require us to get out of our old thinking and our old behavioral patterns. Some of us are willing to answer the call only if it is a personal call. Sometimes, people send me résumés and say, 'Have somebody call me.' The call you need to answer is the call from within."

Brazile ran the Gore-Lieberman campaign in 2000. "You have changed history with the election of 2008," she told the audience. "You have dared to make a difference. Now, you must answer the call."

"Step up. Take over. This is your moment. This is your time. You plant the seeds of hope," she said, "and you stir it with everything you have." 🐼

Keith Boyer



A Medal for 'Miss Newkerk'

*Winner of the IUP President's
Medal of Distinction*

● DURING INDIANA'S 2009 LEADERS' CIRCLE AWARDS event in March, **Nancy Newkerk** received the IUP President's Medal of Distinction. She was recognized for professional achievement, as well as for dedication, support, and service to the university. The President's Medal is the highest nondegree award presented by the university.

Newkerk had two professional careers with the university. The first was the "Miss Newkerk" period. It spanned the decade 1957 to 1967, when Newkerk served as dean of women. In 1978, after a sojourn at Hartwick College, she returned as associate dean of admissions. She retired in 1994.

A devoted fan of IUP athletics, Newkerk attends most home basketball and football games and tutors athletes. She is also a mainstay of the Carol Teti Memorial Scholarship Committee and serves on other groups connected with scholarships. She is an honorary member of the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame and is active on the board of University Acquisitions, Inc., which is connected with IUP's University Museum.

The *Oprah* Winfrey Show

'A RIGHT FIT'

BY ELAINE JACOBS SMITH

This is an exciting time for **JONATHAN SINCLAIR** and other members of Harpo Productions, Inc.'s television development department. Sinclair, the supervising producer, divides his time between preparing for the fall 2009 launch of a new daily show for renowned heart surgeon Mehmet Oz, better known as Dr. Oz, health expert for *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and developing original shows for syndication, prime time, and the forthcoming cable channel OWN.





● On a trip to Mexico over the Christmas holidays, Jonathan Sinclair '90 is shown in the back row with his mother, June Starkey Sinclair '64, M'76, and father John Sinclair '63, M'68. In front are Jonathan's sons, Truman and Maxwell, and his wife, Meredith '90.

Courtesy of Meredith Sinclair

The Oprah Winfrey Network is a joint venture between Harpo and Discovery Communications, expected to launch in early 2010.

Sinclair's job at Harpo ("Oprah" spelled backwards) has involved pitching ideas to some of the biggest names in show business, traveling the country on the production of a reality television series, and—maybe most significantly—impacting what the American public watches on television. Yet, ask him what questions he fields most about his job: "How can I get tickets to see the show?" or "What is Oprah really like?"

Such is the life of those who work for one of the world's most successful entertainers. (Winfrey is host of the highest-rated talk show in television history, with an estimated 48 million viewers each week, and is only

the third woman—behind Mary Pickford and Lucille Ball—to own her own production studio, now a sprawling campus on Chicago's West Side.)

But, Sinclair doesn't mind his lack of limelight; he has made a career of not only promoting the personality, concepts, and philosophy that brought Winfrey to fame, but finding ways to apply them to new projects—beyond the show that has been the cornerstone of her career for twenty-three years.

Sinclair joined Harpo in 1996 after answering a blind ad in a trade magazine. Graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1990 with a degree in Communications Media, he did an internship and freelance work at a TV station in the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area

before landing jobs at stations in Atlantic City, N.J., then Dayton, Ohio. He worked mainly in news promotion, though he also made local commercials and was pulled into other projects, such as a children's stranger-danger program that earned him an International Association of Business Communicators' IRIS Award in the early 1990s.

Sinclair was working at WTAE-TV, Channel 4, in Pittsburgh when he decided to leave news promotion. Searching the help-wanted ads in trade magazines, he came across a posting for a promotions producer at an unidentified talk show. After the routine sending of his résumé and tape, he "basically forgot about it" until a call came from *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

"When I came out to interview and met

the people face to face, we really connected right away," he said. "We hit it off as people, and creatively everything was in line. It was just a right fit."

That right fit resulted in ten years with the show's promotions department. For episodes he was assigned to promote, Sinclair would sit in on the taping, watching for sound bites and determining how best to attract viewers. After his script was approved, Winfrey would read it for taping, and Sinclair would spend a day or more producing the thirty-second promo. Once approved, the promo was fed via satellite to all stations that air *The Oprah Winfrey Show*—about two hundred in the United States alone. Completing one spot may take up to a week, he said, which gives an idea of the importance placed on promotions.

"It creates some sort of desire, some sort of tune-in," he said. "It's basically your call to action. You could affect the rating number with a great promo."

Sinclair headed the promotions department for three years, including when Winfrey gave a Pontiac to each audience member during a show in 2004. When she started the development group in 2006, Sinclair was asked to join. In news reports, Winfrey said the newly formed group would use the show's platform to develop additional projects and talents beyond the talk show.

Within three months, the development group was tackling its first major project, a prime-time Oscar special for ABC. It featured Academy Award winners interviewing other Academy Award winners: Julia Roberts and George Clooney, Nicole Kidman and Russell Crowe, and Jamie Foxx and Sidney Poitier. Then came Harpo's *The Big Give*, which aired in spring 2008. The reality series was based on an episode of the Oprah show in which every audience member was given a thousand dollars to use for someone else.

"There's no better laboratory, incubator, or platform for ideas than the team at Harpo and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*," Sinclair said. "We tap into everyone's creativity and the show itself and glean ideas that we think would make great TV—for syndication, cable, prime-time broadcast series or specials, even webcasts. That is essentially what we do."

Each episode of *The Big Give* involved a

challenge in which contestants were given a certain amount of money and parameters for giving it away.

The Harpo television development department worked with *The Amazing Race* production team, traveling coast to coast for more than forty days of filming. A favorite moment, Sinclair said, was when a contestant went to a Miami auto repair shop and paid every customer's outstanding repair bill, totaling about \$10,000.

The top-rated series—which, in the final episode, surprised the winner with a million-dollar prize, half of it to be given away—sparked an ABC affiliate contest in some local markets. "A movement was started," Sinclair said. "It was fun to watch."

For its current projects, the development



SOME OF JONATHAN SINCLAIR'S MEMORIES FROM HIS YEARS WITH HARPO PRODUCTIONS, INC.:

"One of the more poignant memories was the day Nelson Mandela came to do the show, and, as a surprise to the

staff, [Oprah Winfrey] called us all down to the hallway by the studio as Mr. Mandela left the building. It was an awesome moment to be standing there next to him, a living legend, someone with incredible strength and humility. As he walked down the hall, he greeted the staff, and it was truly incredible."

"Doing promos for the show and working with the daily show—making feeds and the constant deadlines and pressure—was truly an unforgettable experience. To think that you were a part of creating something that went out to the country and people would react to it, well, it just made you feel that you were doing something important. No one here takes that responsibility lightly. ... It's hard work, but it's gratifying."

team drew once again from the "great incubator" of ideas. Now in the late stages of preparing for the *Dr. Oz* show, the development group borrowed from what *Dr. Oz* did best on *Oprah* to create a platform for the new show.

The group's current role in OWN involves supplying a handful of original series. According to Sinclair, the challenge lies in coming up with shows that entertain, enlighten, and—what he considers the Winfrey philosophy—"empower people to live their best lives."

"People think that means serious or heavy, but you can live your best life and have fun while doing it. You can live your best life and cook; you can live your best life and decorate your house.... That's what she's about, and we're trying to capture that with any project she puts her name on."

While more than twenty years of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* offers plenty of material, Sinclair said he also bases decisions about what viewers will want to watch on "experience and what you feel in your gut."

It's a sense he began developing—with less experience and more gut—during his days at IUP, when he produced a half-hour magazine show called *Evenings* for

WIUP-TV. Sinclair, who grew up in Indiana, and his crew would show up with a camera at local spots he found interesting. The footage they gathered—with sites ranging from the old Indiana County courthouse to turkey and pig farms—was the basis of each show.

Among the hosts was Elementary Education major Meredith Berringer, Sinclair's girlfriend at the time and now his wife. Her on-air experience has not gone untapped; Meredith Sinclair, a 1991 IUP graduate, now provides child-rearing tips and activity ideas during guest spots on CBS 2 Chicago News and through freelance writing. The Sinclairs make their home in Wilmette, about fifteen miles north of the Harpo campus, with sons Maxwell, 11, and Truman, 7.

In addition to indulging his natural curiosity, Jon Sinclair's experience in college television helped him to find his right fit within the communications field, he said. "For me, it was a good way to

find a story, tell the story, and get inside of it in a way I hadn't figured out how to do in the other mediums."

And, of course, that discovery is what led to his spending the last thirteen years with Harpo...which begs the question, "What is Winfrey really like?"

According to Sinclair, her viewers already know. "What you see on television is truly who she is.... She's a unique and fascinating human being, and I don't think there's a time you're with her that you don't get struck by that." 🐼

ROSEMARY DVORSKY GIDO is a professor in the Criminology Department at IUP, where she has taught and conducted research for a dozen years. For the past three decades, she has written and made presentations that focus mostly on corrections, alternatives to prison, jails, and HIV-AIDS.

Woman of Characters

Yet, throughout the years of her career, Gido has considered herself more a social historian. Locating relatives from the paternal side of her family led to seven research trips to Montana, including a sabbatical in Fall 2007. From these emerged the outline of a book proposal that will document the lives of immigrant groups, particularly those from Slovakia. Her focus is on how they braved the difficulties of life as coal miners and homesteaders in central Montana between the years 1900 and 1930.

Inspired by her research, Gido returned from her sabbatical and put together a historical portrayal script for the reenactment of three women from the period—including her great-aunt Anna. She presented the reenactments as part of IUP's Six O'clock Series last spring and at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Women's Consortium last fall.

The characters Gido portrays are pictured here. Full descriptions of them and their place in Gido's research appear as an *IUP Magazine* Web Exclusive at www.iup.edu/magazine.

 **EXCLUSIVE**

Gido as Lillian Weston

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PROGRESS AND PREEMINENCE— OR NOT

In his inaugural address in January, **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** pledged to “restore science to its rightful place and wield technology’s wonders to raise health care’s quality and lower its costs.” “We will,” he said, “harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories.”



Keith Boyer

A month earlier, IUP Physics Department Chair and University Professor **Devki Talwar** was an honored guest scientist in Allahabad, India (home of

his alma mater, Allahabad University), at the First Science Conclave with Nobel Laureates and Eminent Scientists, sponsored by the Indian Institute of Information Technology. An IUP faculty member for nearly two decades, he answered questions posed by IUP Magazine.

WHY WAS THIS CONCLAVE HISTORIC?

The conclave was attended by more than a thousand students, teachers, research scholars, engineers, and technologists from India and abroad. It provided a rare opportunity for the “best young talents” across India to interact one-on-one with six Nobel laureates and eminent scientists from around the world. The scientific program of the conclave comprised interdisciplinary platforms, discussions, lectures, seminars,

and popular talks presented by the Nobel laureates, as well as by eminent scientists. It reflected current scientific topics and dealt with new developments in different fields. This unique format provided a forum and opportunities for the exchange of knowledge.

WHAT DOES SUCH A GATHERING MEAN FOR THE U.S.?

The number of bright students opting for science as a career in the U.S. is on the decline. If this trend continues, the U.S. will lose its supremacy in the science and technology fields. These fields are closely linked aspects in the progress of humankind—their



Indian students at the conclave seek the autograph of Jerome Isaac Friedman, 1990 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics.

study, development, and research have helped us gain knowledge about the complexities of nature. The advancements of science and technology in the twentieth century provided great impetus and paved the path to many brilliant inventions, ranging from computers to telecommunications to space explorations to household appliances to medicine. Many of these proved essential for the overall advancement of humankind.

In the last seven decades, the U.S. has played a dominant role in the development of science and technology. In 2006, the National Research Council reported that the U.S. is slipping in its leadership. Many nations around the world (especially India and China) now believe there is no way that the U.S. will retain its dominance in technological leadership.

WHAT FACTORS WILL DICTATE DOMINANCE?

In the current global society, there are several countries that have the chance to compete and gain the economic edge over the U.S. One of the critical factors that will shape benefits of the economic rewards to any nation will be determined by the involvement of that nation's vast number of talented science graduates and by the strong, visionary, national, and academic leadership of that country.

WHAT SPECIFICALLY MIGHT OTHER COUNTRIES BE DOING?

The government of India has recently promised to increase science and technology budgets to 2 percent of the gross domestic product and will place its highest emphasis on making a career in science attractive to young students—especially those from rural India. It was in this context that the IIT, Allahabad, organized the December conclave, which was a great success. It provided a great deal of inspiration and motivation to students, along with a boost to India's ongoing efforts to enrich science and technology education, research, and development.

IN PHOTOS YOU BROUGHT BACK FROM THE CONCLAVE, INDIAN SCIENCE STUDENTS SEEMED TO REACT TO NOBEL LAUREATES AS THOUGH THEY WERE ROCK STARS. WOULD THIS NOT BE THE CASE IN THE U.S.?

There is no doubt that in the U.S. we have a lot of young bright and talented students.

What we need is to attract some of them early on to the right path, teach them the right kind of science, develop in them the right attitude, inspire and keep them motivated, and make sure they do not lose their creativity. Partnerships among families, school districts, community organizations, businesses, and universities are necessary to fulfill this vision of science education. In college, we have the obligation to engage students in meaningful research projects—this improves students' likelihoods to pursue higher degrees, such as the M.S. and Ph.D.

DO YOU OBSERVE A CERTAIN LACK OF SIZZLE IN U.S. SCIENCE EDUCATION?

Nobel laureate Richard Feynman once said that "an experiment is the highest court of appeal in science. A science experiment," he said, "really implies the need for abundant curiosity, free and wild thinking, considerable time and patience, the necessary paraphernalia, and on top of all, no fear of going wrong or breaking equipment or wasting material." It's unfortunate that in the U.S., many of us teaching in schools and colleges are shying away from conducting complex science experiments. It's partly because of the lack of time, equipment, and money, but most important are the worries about running afoul of health and safety regulations and engendering lawsuits.

These are some of the reasons why many of the science teachers in schools and colleges avoid the hullabaloo of experiments. They conduct a few practical classes and do demonstrations to stay safely within the prescribed time limits. The fun is obviously taken out of science, and innovation and creativity are shown the door.

WHAT DID YOU PRESENT AT THE CONCLAVE?

I presented two one-hour talks covering my research on "Novel Infrared Detectors" and also gave a popular talk on "Nanotechnology: Its Impact on Medicine for Curing Cancer." Interestingly, the British chemist Professor Harold Kroto, who shared the 1996 Nobel Prize with American physicist Professor Richard Smalley (who died in 2005) for discovering "Carbon Nano Fullerene," was in the audience at the conclave along with five other Nobel laureates.

The highlight of my talk, applauded by the audience, was a video presentation about

John Kanzius of Erie and his most exciting recent invention for treating cancer-infected animals. Mr. Kanzius, who died in February 2009 at the age of sixty-four, had no professional degrees and held only a technical certificate from the former Allegheny Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. Before retiring, he owned Jet Broadcasting, Inc., which operated radio and television stations. John never pondered a cancer treatment until he himself was diagnosed, six years ago, with b-cell leukemia.

As a patient at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Mr. Kanzius witnessed the ill effects chemotherapy and radiation had on him and his fellow patients (including Professor Richard Smalley), as well as on many young kids. A few months later, he used his expertise in radio waves and his own savings of \$200,000 to invent a "radio frequency machine" that used carbon nanoparticles given to him by Professor Smalley.

Dr. Steven Curley, professor in Surgical Oncology at M.D. Anderson, and Dr. David Geller, codirector of the UPMC Liver Cancer Center in Pittsburgh, are excited about the Kanzius cancer therapy. They both believe that John's cancer treatment is going to be one of the greatest recent innovations and are waiting for approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to use John's machine in cancer therapy on humans. The encouraging preliminary results on animals have given many humans hope; unfortunately, the inventor himself was never able to benefit from his invention as a curative cancer treatment.

Clearly, we have the talent, determination, and the will for invention. With proper training, support, and guidance we can restore the U.S. as a world leader in science and technology.

For five consecutive years, federal investment in science and technology has fallen, stalling endeavor and leading to despondency among America's scientists. Clearly, President Obama realizes that the nations that succeed in the highly competitive world economy are those that foster technological advances and nurture intellectual strength. In universities, we must expect similar vision and commitment for science education from our academic leaders. ~

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RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

By Bob Fulton

Photography by Barry Reeger



BASKETBALL



Should Jason Capizzi have reason to define lucky, he won't need a dictionary. A quick glance in the mirror will suffice.

The former All-America tackle has led a charmed life since he signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers on Dec. 23. The team's electrifying 27-23 victory over Arizona little more than a month later made Capizzi the first IUP alumnus included on the roster of a Super Bowl-winning team.

He later rode in a rollicking victory parade through a sea of adoring fans in downtown Pittsburgh, was measured for a mammoth Super Bowl ring, and collected a check for \$78,000, the amount earned by each member of the winning team. Yet another perk was pending at press time: The Steelers were scheduled to visit the White House for an audience with President Obama.

The last few months have been a head-spinning joy ride for the kid from Gibsonia, a lifelong Steelers fan who used to watch from the stands at Heinz Field and wonder how he'd look in black and gold. Now he's wedded to the championship tradition of a franchise founded by one of his football forebears at IUP, Art Rooney.

"Being from the Pittsburgh area," Capizzi said, "it's pretty cool to have your best friends from high school say, 'Man, you're one lucky S.O.B. We would kill to have this chance that you have.'"

Three other IUP products were part of Pittsburgh's record sixth Super Bowl victory. Bob Ligashesky, a defensive back under coach George Chaump from 1982 to 1984, hit pay dirt in his second season as the Steelers' special teams coordinator. Field manager/assistant equipment manager Rich Baker and equipment intern Andrew Ferguson were also on hand in Tampa.

Capizzi arrived in Florida only after an extended personal odyssey through the NFL. He spent time with the New York Jets, Tampa Bay Bucs, Kansas City Chiefs, and St. Louis Rams and was afforded two earlier opportunities to stick with the Steelers. Capizzi was cut both times, the second after suffering a stress fracture in his right foot

during training camp last summer. He rejoined the team in December when Marvel Smith's season-ending back injury left Pittsburgh dangerously thin at tackle.

The six-foot-nine, 330-pound Capizzi felt a little like an interloper when he returned, the Steelers having clinched the AFC North title and secured a playoff berth in his absence.

"It was weird, because these guys had worked so hard all season to get there, and I'm coming back and kind of accepting some of the glory that I felt like I didn't deserve," he said. "I didn't know how my teammates were going to take it. But a lot of the guys told me, 'Don't feel bad. If you wouldn't have got hurt, you would've been here all along.' That made me feel better."

Capizzi practiced with the Steelers the rest of the season, although he was never activated for a game. He watched Super Bowl XLIII from the sidelines, the climactic event of a momentous week.

"It was an experience I'll never forget," Capizzi said. "But as much as I liked being there, I really loved seeing the smiles on my parents' faces. There were about six or seven family members in the stands, all in a row, and they all had my jersey on. It was a pretty cool feeling to see that."

Cooler still was the Steelers' comeback. Arizona jumped into a 23-20 lead with 2:37 remaining when Kurt Warner drilled a sixty-four-yard touchdown pass to Larry Fitzgerald, a former teammate of Capizzi's at Pitt before Capizzi transferred to IUP. Nerves were as taut as Joan Rivers' face as the Steelers lined up to receive the ensuing kickoff.

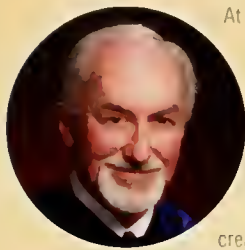
"At no point did I not have confidence that we could do it," Capizzi said, "but I was worried about my father having a cardiac. I'm thinking, 'I'm having a cardiac, I wonder how he's doing.' He's thirty years older than me."

Peter Capizzi, like the other Steelers fans at Raymond James Stadium, leaped from

Distinguished Alumni Awards



Nine alumni were honored with 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards at a March gala sponsored by the IUP Alumni Association. Biographies of the winners more detailed than those below and on the following pages are accessible from www.iup.edu/magazine.



At the conclusion of an IUP career that spanned the years 1969 to 2005, **Charles Cashdollar '65** was granted emeritus status as both University Professor and professor of History. As the university's first director of Liberal Studies, he chaired the initial planning committee that led to creation of the Robert E. Cook Honors College. He earned

M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Pennsylvania, has held many offices in the Pennsylvania Historical Association, including president in 2007-2008, and received two IUP Distinguished Faculty Awards. He has published three books (the most recent a history of Indiana's Calvary Presbyterian Church) and is at work on a history of IUP.

Associated with American College Testing, Inc., since 1972, **Richard Ferguson '62** has been chief executive officer since 1988 and board chairman since 2002. During his tenure, ACT in Iowa City, Iowa, has grown from fewer than one hundred staff members and a single program—its college admission test—to more than

1,400 staff members and a broad array of programs and services. He earned an M.A. degree in Mathematics at Western Michigan University and a Ph.D. degree in Educational Research from Pitt. He has served on a number of boards, including those of the American Council of Education, the Association of American Community Colleges, and CollegeNET Inc.



The recipient of a Distinguished Alumni Award for Service, **Thomas Gathers '77** is senior vice president, Human Resources, for LongHorn Steakhouse, a division of Darden Restaurants, Inc. in Orlando, Fla. He earned an M.S. degree in Organizational Training at the University of Miami in 1990 and previously served in human resources positions with Uno

Restaurant Corporation and Rave Hospitality International. He is a past president of the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Trainers and a past president and board member of the General Council for Nonprofits. He has been an invaluable resource for and supporter of IUP's Hospitality Management Department and regularly works with and mentors its students.



Courtesy of Jason Capizzi

“THIS IS A TOUGH BUSINESS,” HE SAID. “YOU’RE TRYING TO FIND SOMEWHERE WHERE YOU CAN JUST HANG YOUR HAT.”

his seat when Ben Roethlisberger tossed a six-yard touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes for the game-winning score with thirty-five seconds left, a play that irrevocably altered the life of his son. It meant Jason Capizzi would soon ride in a victory parade through a throng of 350,000 Terrible Towel-twirling zealots while he furiously waved his own from atop a truck. It meant planning for a trip to the White House and some quality time with the commander in chief. It meant a diamond-encrusted Super Bowl ring—bling on a scale that would turn even a rapper's head. And it meant gaining membership in an exclusive fraternity.

“There have been only forty-three Super Bowls, and there are only fifty-three guys on a team,” Capizzi said. “There’s a lot of people in the organization that get Super Bowl rings, but actual players who were on the fifty-three-man roster when their team won the game, there’s only 2,200 guys—and I’m one of them. My name’s gonna be etched onto the back of the [Vince Lombardi] trophy. That’s something that I can show to my kids when I’m older and tell my grandkids about.”

And to think he could have missed it all. Capizzi admits there were moments during his two years in the NFL when he contemplated quitting football, but he just couldn't bear the thought of walking away from the game he loved. So Capizzi persisted, until the break of a lifetime fell into his lap.

“This is a tough business,” he said. “You’re trying to find somewhere where you can just hang your hat. Sometimes you wonder, ‘Am I even doing the right thing here? Should I not just go out there and work in the real world like everyone else?’ But then you realize you’ve invested so much time, so much work, so much effort, so much blood, sweat, and tears into all of this. So for something like this to pay off for me—it’s the ultimate.”



name droppers

By Mike Hoffman

Track and field is a sport on the rise at IUP. In his first full season as head coach, **Ralph White** led the IUP women to a fourth-place finish at the PSAC indoor championships, a six-spot improvement from 2008, and the men's team had its highest finish ever by taking fifth place. On a very young team that features several freshmen who rank among the PSAC and national elite, it was a veteran who led the way at the conference meet.

Maddy Outman followed White from Williams College and is a graduate student at IUP. Outman won the 400 meters and 55-meter hurdles, placed third in the 200 meters and long jump, and was eighth in the 55-meter dash. Outman was the leading individual scorer with 33 points and was named the Most Outstanding Overall Athlete of the Meet. She qualified for nationals in five events, including a No. 1 national ranking in the pentathlon, and was scheduled to compete in that event as well as the hurdles at nationals, which took place March 11-14 in Houston.

Joining Outman as a conference champion were **Brianna Liebold** and **Nafee Harris** in the long jump and **Tamika Taylor** in the 55-meter dash. The five individual champions were the most ever at one indoor meet for IUP in the eight-year history of the event. Harris also earned a spot at nationals in the long jump, as did triple jumper **Cesar Westbrook**.

Also competing at nationals in Houston was a quintet of IUP swimmers, including senior **Pawel Glowiak**, who made the trip for the fourth time in as many seasons while winning his third consecutive PSAC title in the 100

backstroke. The women's 800 freestyle relay team of **Jen Price**, **Brittany Watkins**, **Melissa Kucharczuk**, and **Bethany Johnston** qualified for nationals on the last day of the conference meet. Price also had an outstanding individual meet. She finished second and set school records in the 500 and 1000 freestyles and was third in the 200 freestyle while establishing yet another IUP record. Price qualified for nationals as an individual in all three events, including an NCAA A cut in the 1000 freestyle.

At press time, the IUP women's basketball team was still in the hunt for a third straight PSAC tournament championship under first-year head coach **Jeff Dow**. The Crimson Hawks defeated Gannon in the quarterfinals on March 3 to advance to the Final Four at West Chester and improve their record to 23-5. The team was led by **Jahzinga Tracey**, who became the ninth player in PSAC history with 2,000 career points while also moving into fourth place in conference history in field goals made and steals and ninth in rebounding.

The men's basketball team continued its ascension up the PSAC and regional ladders. Although the Crimson Hawks were eliminated in the conference quarterfinals by Slippery Rock, the team won twenty-one games, an eight-game improvement from 2007-08 and a fifteen-game leap

from head coach **Joe Lombardi's** first season.

Several former IUP football players and coaches were in the news during the fall and winter. **Frank Cignetti Jr. '89** returned to his Western Pennsylvania roots with his appointment as the offensive coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh. Cignetti was an all-conference safety at IUP and served on his father's coaching staff from 1990 to 1998 before embarking on a tour of the country as an assistant on the college and NFL level. Most recently, he was the offensive coordinator at the University of California and served in the same capacity at Fresno State and North Carolina and was quarterbacks coach for the New Orleans Saints and San Francisco 49ers. Attempting to follow in Cignetti's footsteps is **Nick Sirianni**, who parlayed the past two seasons as wide receivers coach at IUP into a position as an offensive quality control coach with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Carmen Felus was named the head coach at Juniata College after three seasons at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Felus spent six seasons as the offensive coordinator at IUP from 2000 to 2005. Joining the local coaching ranks was former IUP and NFL standout **Chris Villarrial '95**, who became the offensive coordinator at St. Francis University in January. Villarrial was a two-time All-America offensive lineman at

IUP and spent eleven seasons in the NFL, including eight with the Chicago Bears and three with the Buffalo Bills. He is one of only three players in IUP history to have his uniform number retired.

In the high school ranks, **Troy Wilson '97** was named the head coach at Kiski Area High School, his alma mater, after eight seasons as an assistant coach at the school. Wilson was a linebacker on the powerful IUP teams of the early 1990s and played on the 1993 squad that reached the national championship game.

Al Thomas '64 announced his retirement after coaching on the high school and college levels for forty-five years. Thomas won eight state championships at three different Maryland high schools—Seneca Valley, Damascus, and Sherwood—and directed his teams to the state playoffs in sixteen of twenty-three seasons. As defensive coordinator at McDaniel (Md.) College, Thomas was named the Division III Coordinator of the Year by *American Football Quarterly*.

Recently retired Derry Area School District superintendent **Joe Bellissimo '65, M'70** was honored by the Westmoreland/Fayette Boy Scouts with a Good Citizen Award for his dedication to public education. Bellissimo was a star football player at IUP in 1962-64. Another former IUP football player, **Trent Jones '06** returned to the Reading Express of the American Indoor Football Association for the 2009 season. Jones had ten interceptions for the Express a year ago.

On the basketball front, **Garry Lupek '69** won his 500th career game as a high school coach when

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Distinguished *Alumni* Awards



Robert Gett '72 is founder and CEO of Optaros, Inc., an Internet consulting firm that works with companies. With headquarters in Boston, Optaros has two hundred employees in the U.S., Switzerland, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Romania. The 1976 recipient of an M.S. degree in Management Technology from American University, he

began his career managing information technology projects for commercial and public sector clients. Since then, he has been chief information officer of two major financial services companies and an executive in two large IT services firms. Most recently, he was chairman and CEO of Viant Corporation, which under his leadership achieved \$125 million in annual revenue in just four years.

For more than twenty years, **Mary Louise Leisher**

Leipheimer '66 has been head of school at the Foxcroft School—by design, a small, residential, independent school in Middleburg, Va. More than three-

fourths of its 185 students live on campus. Before becoming the school's chief executive, she held leadership

posts in external affairs, development, and admissions. She also taught English and served as chair of the English Department. She has served as chair of the Headmasters Association and has been a board member of both the Association of Boarding Schools (for Washington and the District of Columbia) and the Virginia Association of Independent Schools.



Health care consultant **Susan Sandbach Mellott '73**

is president of Mellott & Associates in Houston, Tex.

With more than thirty years' experience in health care, she has authored numerous publications and is a nationally recognized speaker. Currently an

adjunct assistant professor at Texas Woman's University, she received a master's degree in nursing

from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978 and a Ph.D. degree in health education and wellness from Texas A&M University in 1987. In 1996, she retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. She previously served as manager of nursing quality and clinical performance in the Sisters of Charity Health Care System.



● **LANDMARK STATUS:** In December, the IUP Council of Trustees voted to rename the Suites on Grant–Upper in honor of **Donna Dickie Putt '69**. A six-year board member of the Foundation for IUP, Putt served as board president for two years and as vice president for one. She was instrumental in planning the first phase of the Residential Revival student housing project—the phase that produced the building now named in her honor. The other building in the Suites on Grant was renamed last year for Susan Snell Delaney '64.



Photography by Keith Boyer



Distinguished Alumni Awards



Alvin Munn '42, who was honored posthumously, died February 3 in Ft. Myers, Fla. After service with the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, he received a master's degree from the University of Chicago. In 1948, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he eventually became senior geographer with the Defense Intelligence Agency. He regularly briefed the director of the DIA and the U.S. secretary of defense and served as a U.S. representative to NATO. As a member of the Military Geographic Documentation Working Group, he conducted key intelligence briefings and was actively involved in decision making during the Cuban Missile Crisis and other critical situations.

As athletics director at Georgia Institute of Technology since 2006, **Daniel Radakovich '80** supervises an eight-member Senior Management staff, oversees the \$55-million Athletics Association, and reports the association's activities directly to Georgia Tech's president. He formerly held athletics administration positions at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, at American University in Washington, D.C., at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, at Long Beach (Calif.) State University, and at the University of Miami. He earned an MBA degree at Miami and worked in the private sector before beginning his association with universities. Last year, he was inducted into the Beaver County (Pa.) Sports Hall of Fame.



David Serlo '68, M'70 arrived at PSCU Financial Services as its first full-time employee in 1983. Today, he is president and chief executive officer of the 1,500-employee company, which serves more than six hundred member-owner credit unions, is the nation's largest credit union service organization and has locations in St. Petersburg, Fla., Phoenix and Detroit. From 1970 to 1983, he started as an examiner and quickly moved up the ranks to the executive level of the National Credit Union Association. The recipient of an MBA degree from Loyola College in Maryland, he was selected in 2008 by Ernst & Young as Florida Entrepreneur of the Year.

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his Conemaugh Valley team posted a 56-49 win over Ferndale in early January. Lupek played at IUP in 1966-69 and is the team's all-time leading rebounder with 881 while ranking ninth in scoring with 1,358 points.

One of Lupek's teammates during the late 1960s was **Mont Mattocks '70**, who was inducted into the Mercer County Hall of Fame on January 23. Mattocks has more assists than anyone in IUP history with 450, including a school-record fourteen versus Bloomsburg in 1968, and was enshrined in the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

Keith Grubbs '01 accepted the position of head athletic trainer for the newly established Erie BayHawks of the NBA Development League.

Jonathan Faikish '05 has been named the boys' and girls' swimming coach at George School in Newtown, Pa. Faikish was a captain his junior and senior seasons as a member of the IUP swimming team and qualified for the PSAC championships all four years.

After a standout career on the IUP track and field team,

Rob Conrad '08 is a member of the Crimson Hawk coaching staff while continuing his athletic pursuits. Conrad will compete at the State Games of America July 30 through August 2 in Colorado Springs. He was a two-time All-America in the javelin at IUP.

Walt Carmo '61, M'66 passed away in December. Carmo was on the IUP football and wrestling teams and later taught and coached wrestling at Blairsville High School. From 1970 until his retirement, he served as the assistant director of legislation for the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Letters

Bill in His Own Words

Thank you so much for contacting me and sending me the copies of letters from *IUP Magazine*. Kitty Spangler contacted me before she wrote to you. Here's a brief update:

I loved playing at IUP! To think that people still remember me is awesome. I made my "début" as a performer at a coffee house in the basement of the Governors Quad in 1974. For the next few years I played at various locations around campus, and I believe my last performance at IUP was in '79 or '80 in Fisher. Even though I never attended IUP as a student, I always viewed IUP as my home away from home and where I truly received my education. I was always so grateful, and at times overwhelmed, at how kind and gracious everyone was to me in how they received me. Such great memories!

I still have a write-up by Germaine Kropilak from the IUP newspaper of one of my performances at the Student Union that I keep framed and hanging above my piano. I'm so grateful to my dear friend, Kitty Spangler, for inviting me to IUP and being instrumental in arranging for me to perform for the first time.

I still play piano but, except for a rare and very occasional "gig," I no longer play professionally. Life kind of led me in a different direction. For the last twenty-some years I've been working in Human Services, working with individuals with mental challenges and mental health and behavior issues. I love the work I do. There are all sorts of ways to make music.

I still play piano every day, and I still write, and I still sing. And I still remember IUP. Thank you for such great memories. And thank you for remembering me.

Bill Allison

all about alumni

There are many ways for IUP alumni to stay connected with the university—up close and personal or on line

● 1920s

Bernadine Landis Hagan '28 celebrated her hundredth birthday in February. She was a teacher before her marriage to I.N. Hagan, who headed the Hagan Ice Cream Company. In 1956, the Hagans moved to Chalk Hill, Pa., into the house they named Kentuck Knob, designed for them by Frank Lloyd Wright. They lived there thirty years before returning to Uniontown a few years before I.N. Hagan's death. In 2000, Kentuck Knob was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The house's current owner, Lord Peter Palumbo of England, has opened it to the public. "It's rather odd to have the public running through your home," Bernadine told the Uniontown *Herald Standard*. "Now, it's more of a museum. It's filled with wonderful furniture and art objects. It's a very beautiful house."

● 1950s

After retired IUP faculty member **Dan DiCicco '54** died

● **ASCENDERS**: These Kappa Delta Rho brothers were probably photographed in their fraternity house. Where was it? Can you identify them? If you have photographs, scrapbooks, or memorabilia you would like to donate, contact Harrison Wick at the University Archives in Stapleton Library at 724-357-3039 or hwick@iup.edu.

in Lakeland, Fla., in February, his family requested contributions toward a rehearsal hall in Cogswell Hall that will be named in honor of Dan and his late wife, Dorothy. The Foundation for IUP is the repository for the funds. Dan taught at IUP for thirty-three years and also received a Distinguished Alumni Award.

Just before a Pittsburgh International Children's Theater's performance last fall of *If You Give a Pig a Pancake & Other Story Books*, **Barbara Mazziotti Russell '54** appeared as Miss Minni Drama. She delivered what the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* described as "an etiquette lesson to the young crowd that included many preschoolers, toddlers, and even babies" at the beginning of a

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production at North Allegheny School District's Marshall Middle School. In giving "her manners talks before some performances and to school groups," the paper said, "she is not a heavy-

handed enforcer of theater etiquette. The children come to the performances with their parents, and her speech is just a reminder of how to act."

Greensburg resident **Sally Lunn Turley '56** has been elected vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of the commonwealth's Public School Employees' Retirement System. She retired from the Clearfield School District after thirty-nine years as a social studies and home economics teacher and has a master's degree from West Virginia University.



Barry Moore '55, retired Illinois State University faculty member and curator for decades of ISU's vast children's art collection, was interviewed by the Bloomington *Pantagraph* in February. Next fall, ISU's Milner Library will unveil on its website a \$90,000 digitized version of the collection, which now includes nearly ten thousand drawings and paintings. "This really is a unique, worldwide resource," Barry told the newspaper. He was a recipient in 1995 of IUP's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Designation of Codes

AA Associate of Arts Degree CA Academy of Culinary Arts D Doctoral Degree M Master's Degree

Three recent and upcoming events at the Lynden Gallery in Elizabethtown feature **Ned Wert '58** and his paintings. The first, in February, was called "Palette/Palate Study" and involved "an attempt to explore and exhibit the process of painting, unique to each artist." The second is a show, opening April 24, called *Well-Seasoned: Fifty Years of Painting*. The third is a workshop given by Ned from May 16 to 18.

●1960s

A retired Michigan Department of Corrections warden, **Luella Rogers Burke '63** last year received the 2008 Susan M. Hunter Award from the Association of Women Executives in Corrections. She was recognized with the national award for her many and varied contributions in a thirty-year career in corrections. The recipient of an IUP Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award some two decades ago, Luella lives in Scottville, Mich.

First elected as Indiana Borough tax collector in 1974, **Dave Watkins '63, M'76** has decided to retire at the end of this year. Nine terms, he told the *Indiana Gazette*, was enough, and he wanted to announce his intentions early so that would-be successors could file for the spring primary.

Joan Stossel Pun '65 has made a scheduling change for the second reunion of former participants in the IUP Spanish program in Valladolid, Spain. The new dates are July 30-August 3. Program participants in any year from 1963 to the present are invited to attend with friends. Details are available from Joan at valladolid09@live.com.

Patricia Gatti Skebeck '65 is serving as interim superintendent of the Harford County

(Md.) Public Schools with the expectation that her term will end in July. She most recently was executive director of elementary education for the system, which has nearly forty thousand students in fifty-four schools.

Last November, **Petronilla Maloney Amantia '69, M'71**, received the Outstanding Mathematics Educator Award from the Western New York Mathematics Association. Picky retired last July after thirty-one years as a math educator, mostly teaching pre-calculus and calculus, and was also a K-12 instructional specialist for mathematics and technology education. She implemented Project Lead the Way, a pre-engineering program, for all three Williamsville (N.Y.) high schools, in addition to a state-of-the-art multimedia curriculum. She is currently an adjunct mathematics professor at Daemen College.

In January, Distinguished Alumni Award winner **Helen Hall '69** died after a ten-year battle with breast cancer. For the past twenty years, she had taught at the University of Georgia and had contributed

more than fifty articles and book chapters in the areas of career and technical education and family sciences. She had also edited a number of professional journals and received many awards.

●1970s

One of only four inaugural Champions for Change honored nationwide, **James Anderson '72, M'75** received his designation from Models for Change Pennsylvania for his work on policy and legislation aimed at improving conditions and outcomes for court-involved youth. He is executive director of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. More information and a photograph are in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

● **EXTRA**

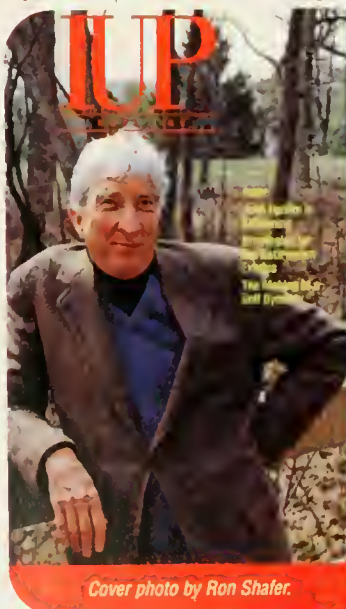
John Walter '72 has retired from Temple University's School of Podiatric Medicine as professor and chairman of the departments of Podiatric Surgery and Orthopedics. The author of more than thirty medical articles and book chapters, he currently sells real

estate in New Jersey and is active with his horse ranch and farm near Woodstown, N.J., along with his wife, Deborah, and two sons.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recently gave **Gayle Freundel Farabaugh '73** a special citation for outstanding accomplishment for her knowledge of and assistance in a transition to a new revenue accounting system. An accountant with nearly twenty years with the state, she lives in Etters, near Harrisburg, with her husband and son.

Dan Solla '73 said he always was and remains a big fan of Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention. In fact, while a sophomore in Whitmyre Hall in 1971-72, he wrote to Zappa, applying for a position as one of the band's "roadies." Since no reply was forthcoming, Dan continued his studies. Thirty-seven years after that letter, Dan got to live out the dream. Although Zappa died in 1993, several "tribute" bands composed of original/former members continue to perform his music. One of them is Project Object, which comprises three original Mothers members:

● John Updike's visit to Kittanning was described in the Summer 1992 issue of *IUP Magazine*.



When **John Updike** died in January, he was described in the *New York Times* as "America's Last True Man of Letters." Many in Western Pennsylvania recalled the visit he made to IUP's Armstrong Campus in 1992 at the invitation of English professor Ronald Shafer '68. "He was speaking at the College English Association conference in Pittsburgh, and I thought it would be great to have him come and speak at the Kittanning IUP campus, as well as Kittanning High School," Shafer told the *Leader Times*. Updike participated in an afternoon writers' workshop and in the evening read selections of his poetry, as well as his short story "Daughter, Last Glimpses of." Shafer remembers how the author "was staggered by the beauty of the town when he saw it from the bluffs in West Kittanning." In his book *Licks of Love*, Shafer said, "he speaks of a small town along the Allegheny River, north of Pittsburgh."



St. Martin's Press has scheduled *Stay Close: A Mother's Story of Her Son's Addiction* by **Libby Cataldi '72** for publication at the end of April. A blurb from the publisher begins this way: "What could be wrong with a high school kid who was both an ace sports star and a strong 'A' student? Lots, as it turns out.... An accomplished head of an exclusive private school, Libby Cataldi was

called on to discipline kids using drugs, but she didn't see what was happening in her own home—until the police started getting involved and the family realized Jeffrey had already spiraled away from them." Libby has a doctorate in education and has been an educator all her life, most recently as head of the Calverton School in Maryland. She lives in Florence, Italy.

Don Preston (keyboards, 1966-1974), Ed Mann (percussion, 1978-1988), and Ike Willis (guitar/vocals, 1978-1988). Dan was a volunteer "roadie" for the January 31 Sellersville (Pa.) Theater appearance of the band. "It was great!" said Dan, who currently has his own law enforcement defensive tactics training company called Red Scorpion Training.

Charles Kania M'74 has been promoted to director of Polymer Research for PPG Industries, a major supplier of coatings, glass, and chemicals with headquarters in Pittsburgh. Associated with PPG for thirty-four years, Chuck is author or coauthor of sixty-five U.S. patents and has contributed widely to the field of polymeric coatings, including recently championing the manufacture of high-volume acrylic polymers by a novel continuous process at PPG's resin manufacturing facility in Ohio. His accomplishments have also led to his selection for the PPG Collegium as an outstanding scientist.

After thirty-two years at the U.S. Department of State, **Joyce Yutzey Nichols '74** retired in 2007 but still lives in the Washington, D.C., area.

As president and CEO of the World Environment Center in Washington, D.C., **Terry Yosie '74** delivered remarks at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2009 in India in February. His topic was "Reducing Societal Risks and

Creating Business Opportunities through an Accelerated Climate Adaptation Strategy." The WEC is a global, nonprofit, non-advocacy organization

with a mission of advancing sustainable development.

Dane Konop '75 has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the Arts and

Humanities Alliance of Jefferson County, W.Va. AHA is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to supporting cultural and artistic events and

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programs for both children and adults. Dane is a retired writer, editor, and public affairs officer for research for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and lives in Shepherdstown with his wife, Janet, and son, Dane Christian, a sophomore at Shepherd University. More information about AHA is at www.ahajc.org.

Canonsburg resident **Diane Martin Snyder '75** has joined Coldwell Banker as a realtor in the Galleria/Route 19 office in Pittsburgh.

The mother of an IUP alumna sent a story from the Wilkes-Barre *Citizens' Voice* about **Sister Regina Kiel '76, M'81** and her fine jewelry designs and sculpture. In November, she had a show at Misericordia University's Mercy Center, where she has her studio. According to the newspaper story, "She is known for her custom work, designing New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles wedding bands, specialized rings, and even a pair of gold fingers for a Hazleton man who had an accident with a table saw."

In February, a choral prelude to "Be Thou My Vision" arranged by **Jack Stamp '76** was presented at Appalachian State University under the baton of the arranger. Jack is a professor at IUP, chair of the Department of Music, and director of Band Studies. He appears frequently as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout North America and Great Britain.

Jeanne Campbell Suehr '76 was given an honorable mention in the 2009 Carnegie Science Awards' High School Educator Award competition. A high school chemistry teacher in the Yough School District, she is

also one of five nationwide Westinghouse N-vision Grant recipients.

Lisa Whitmer Brochetti '77 has finished work on an IUP master's degree in Adult Education and Communications Technology. Director of the IUP New Choices/New Options Career Development Services, she is also the mother of five; her oldest son, Adam, is a first lieutenant with the Marine Corps in Afghanistan.

With nearly thirty years' experience working in accounting and finance in law and other professional service firms, **David Madera '77** has joined the Pittsburgh legal firm of Houston Harbaugh, PC as controller. He directs and controls the firm's financial planning and budget management functions.

Gary Wotherspoon '77 lives in Swanton, Md., where he says he is "trying to grow a small business." He is also active in the community's band and chorus.

Barbara Beatty Patterson '78 was recently elected to the board of MarineParents.com, Inc., as director of Outreach Programs for the national, non-profit organization that provides

education and support for Marines and their families. In her new role, Barb helps administer such programs as care packages, support for Purple Heart families, cards and letters for wounded Marines, and Gold Star family services. Residents of Richland, Mich., she and her husband, Ken, are the parents of a Marine Corps corporal.

The 2010 Teacher of the Year at Hermitage Elementary in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools is **Bobbi Nardina Checchio '79, M'81**. A physical education specialist, she has been with the school system thirteen years.

In what **Don Howe '79** described as the Players' Fourteenth Annual IUP Male Bonding Weekend, eight alumni got together for a weekend last fall in Charlotte, N.C. A photo appears in *IUP Magazine's* Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine. In addition to Don, those in attendance included **Wendell Harvin '78**, **Claude Epps '80**, **Mike Higgins '79, '80**, **Thomas Sutton '80**, **Jamie Wallace '80**, **Steve Whiting '82**, and **John Stevens '83**.

➤ **EXTRA**

●1980s

An early childhood through young adulthood exceptional needs specialist, **JoAnn Calafiore Doughty '80** in November 2007 passed all requirements to become a National Board Certified Teacher. She lives in Hartsville, S.C., and is excited that her middle son, Sean, will be attending IUP in the fall as a freshman. JoAnn says she'd "love to hear from old IUP friends."

Mike Kucynda '80 is in Iraq for his second tour, this time working with the U.S. Treasury attaché. A lieutenant colonel, he spent twelve years full-time in the Army and has logged fourteen in the Reserves, including three overseas deployments (he was also in Bosnia for nine months) that now total more than three years. His regular job is with the U.S. Department of Justice comptroller's office at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Russell Losco '81 has been appointed associate editor of the journal *Soil Survey Horizons*. He lives in West Grove, Pa., with his wife, son, and daughter.

Bob Cooper '83 is founder and president of Frontier Service Design, LLC, described as one of the first U.S. companies to focus exclusively on the design of new revenue-generating services. With more than a quarter-century's experience in branding, positioning, interactive design, and business consulting, Bob founded Frontier Media Group in 1991, selling it seven years later, and also has been senior vice president in charge of strategic consulting at Qwest Communications. His current company is based in Malvern, Pa.

Last November, **Mark Magill '83, M'89** celebrated his fiftieth birthday at a restaurant on

In February, United States Steel Corporation announced the naming of **Malisa Dunn Sommers '87** as general manager—Global Materials Management and Procurement Operations. Malisa earned an MBA degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 1994. She joined U.S. Steel in 2001 after spending thirteen years with Wheeling-Nisshin, Inc., a steel coating facility in Follansbee, W.Va. In 2004, she moved to corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. In her new position, she is responsible for parts and materials inventory management, procurement support activities, and the company's contractor safety program at every U.S. Steel facility in North America and Central Europe.

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Mt. Washington, overlooking Pittsburgh, in the company of, among others, **Sandy Schneider Wagner '82** and **Nancy Welsh Rohde '82**. Mark lives in Clementsport, Nova Scotia.

A celebration of their twenty-five years of friendship drew **Carole Austin Drury '84** and friends to the Bedford Springs Resort and Spa last fall. A photo supplied by Carole appears in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

Attendees included, in addition to Carole, **Lisa Sommers Diemert '83**, **M'84**, **Tracy Stoyer Lang '83**, **Margit Hotz Neiman '83**, **Cathy Austin Haas '84**, **Karen Yancosek Dionise '84**, and **Lori Tallarico Rodgers '84**.

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David Bluemling '85, CEO of the Pittsburgh accounting

firm **Malin, Bergquist & Company**, has been elected to the board of CPAmerica International. Under his leadership, Malin Bergquist has grown fourfold since 2001 and now has sixteen partners and 120 employees. A lot more information and a photo of David appear in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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For more than two years, **Mary Molusky '85**, **M'86** has been associated with Thinking Media, the leading curriculum provider for WorkKeys, a jobs skills assessment system developed by ACT. She reports that when she started in her job, one of her colleagues was **Jack Reese '63**. What's more, she notes, **Dick Ferguson '62** is CEO of ACT (and the winner of a 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award).

IUP faculty member **Mary Williams Sadler '76** reports that **Marcus Robison '86**, who already has R.N., M.P.H., and C.C.M. credentials, is a first-year doctoral student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the recipient of a T32 fellowship grant.

A photo from the Steelers' November victory at New England is on line at Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine and features **Terry Blakney '88**, **Dave Klanica '88**, and **Dan Kupas '88**, along with a friend.

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Late last fall, **Patrick Pacalo '88** had a book signing in Boardman, Ohio, for the first volume (*Cold Warfare: A Compact History*) in his *Cold Warfare* series. A few days later, *Cold Warfare II: Political Terror* went into print. Early in April,

he was holding a reading from his books in Poland, Ohio. Information about both books is available at www.coldwar.net.

1990s

Noreen Peln Nouza '91, director of Instructional Programs and Professional Development at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (N.Y.) Board of Cooperative Educational Services, recently completed the Superintendents Development Program through SUNY Oswego. The year-long field program teaches and mentors experienced senior school administrators through the transition from their current position to superintendent of schools. She lives in Oneida.

After several years as a substitute teacher, Greensburg resident **Cheryl Brednich Thomson '93** is a curriculum coordinator and director of the



Erin O'Connell '98, a pediatric respiratory therapist with STAT Staffing Medical Services, has been named the 2009 National Staffing Employee of the Year. Currently on assignment to the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh, she serves on the team of health care professionals that cares for infants and children being rehabilitated for brain injuries, paralysis, organ transplants, and more. In addition to caring for patients, she trains student nurses on

respiratory care and prepares the parents of patients to provide high-quality care at home for their special-needs children. Erin works three twelve-hour shifts a week, allowing her to spend more time at home with her family. According to the American Staffing Association, which presented the award, Erin's story exemplifies why millions choose to work as temporary and contract employees: flexibility.

REUNION NOTICES

Track and Field and Cross Country

Alumni will gather June 12–14 to celebrate the careers of coaches Edwin Fry and Robert “Doc” Raemore as they retire. Events are planned for Friday evening at The Coney; noon on Saturday at College Lodge; and Saturday evening in the Blue Room. For details and to RSVP, contact IUP Alumni Relations at www.iup.edu/alumni or 800-YES-2IUP or get in touch with a member of the organizing committee: **Dan Cunkelman '78**; **Mindy Sawtelle '05**; **Lowell Wetzel '62**; **John Karpacs '99**, M'05; **John Harwick '54**, M'60, D'90; **Larry Judge '64**; **John Swauger '74**; **Lou Sutton**; **Jenny Stumpf Sassaman '92**; **Mike Higgins '79**; and **Rett Galbraith '89**.



Eberly Business Golf Classic

The Eberly College of Business and Information Technology will hold its **Nineteenth Annual IUP Business Golf Classic** on July 13 at the Longue Vue Club in Verona, Pa., with all proceeds going to student scholarships. For more information, contact Julie Moreland at 724-357-3215, e-mail jamorela@iup.edu, or see www.iup.edu/business/news.

Punxsutawney Campus, 1969–71

A reunion of those who attended the **Punxsutawney Campus in 1969–70 and 1970–71** is being organized for July 25–26. Those interested in attending can get details by contacting **Lud Kopec '73** at lud@kopecinsurance.com or **Jim Zauzig '73** at jzauzig@huntsd.org.

IUP-Valladolid

The second reunion of former participants in the **IUP Spanish program in Valladolid, Spain**, has been rescheduled for July 30–August 3 in Valladolid. Anyone who attended from 1963 to the present may attend with friends. For details, send e-mail to valladolid09@live.com.

preschool choir (The Joyful Noisemakers) at Charter Oak Methodist Church. She and her husband, Eric, have a son and a daughter.

At the wedding in January of **Buddy Smallwood '95** and **Brooke Bey Smallwood '97**, the wedding party included **Nicole Jackson Williams '96**, **Deonne Crump Arrington '98**, **John Wilkins '98**, **Keena Brown Lowe**, and **Greg Tullis**.

Michelle Agulia Allan '96 has been promoted to partner in the Pittsburgh legal firm of Burns White & Hickton, LLC. A 2002 recipient of a J.D. degree from Pitt, she works in the Litigation Group, preparing Medicare set-aside arrangements in the settlement of workers' compensation claims. A photo appears in Alumni Extra at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Last spring, **Melissa Bell '96** received a Ph.D. degree from Pitt's School of Social Work and a Ph.D. certificate from the Women's Studies program. Now a faculty member at Chatham University, she teaches social work policy and Women's Studies courses and coordinates the social work field placement program; she is also an affiliated faculty member of the Pennsylvania Center for Women, Politics, and Public Policy. She lives in Pittsburgh

with her husband, Patrick Lowden, and two young children.

When **Amy Pryor Knapp '97** married Robert Knapp a few years ago, the wedding party included **Christine Nelis '97** and **Candice Stewart Raymond '97**. Among the guests were **Amber Burkett Stebbins '97**, **Anita Sportelli Dextradeur '98**, and **Barbara Watters Brubaker '97**. Amy is a reporter for *The Independent* in Massillon, Ohio.

Arriving in Hawaii as a traveling nurse in 2002, **Holly Hagerich Hall '98** stayed, married, and had a son. In January, she began a position as the emergency medicine nurse educator for Hawaii Pacific Health. She and her family live in Waiialua.

Judy Stormer '98 has become director of finance at Fiduciary360. The McDonald, Pa., resident coordinates all accounting functions, taxes, budgeting, audits, and benefit plans and assists in contract negotiations. She was previously assistant treasurer at C.S. McKee, a Pittsburgh investment firm.

An early intervention service coordinator for Beaver County (Pa.) Behavioral Health, **Amy Bubeck Frederick '99** is the mother of daughters Avery and Harley, ages four and two, respectively.

● 2000s

While she attended IUP from 1998 to 2000, **Monique Marshall** was working on an urban fiction novel which has now been published by PublishAmerica as *Diamondz Are Forever*. Monique earned a bachelor's degree at Georgia State University and is studying for a master's degree in teaching from Bowie State University in Maryland. She lives in Greenbelt.

When **Chris Cowan '01** and **Molly Haas M'05** were married last August, several members of the wedding party were IUP alumni. They included **Jamie Brass M'05, D'08**; **Jenna Dubbs M'05, D'08**; **Sarah Dietz '03, M'05, D'08**; **Scarlett Jett M'05, D'08**; and **Ryan Adam '98**.

Kathleen Moriarty '04 is working on a Ph.D. degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

For the past year, **Tamarah Pritchard '04, M'07** has been a child and family interventionist with Every Child, Inc., in Pittsburgh. She and her husband, **Davon Morris**, are the parents of a daughter.

Jake Walchesky CA'04 was mentioned prominently in a February *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* story about Cross Keys Inn on Dorseyville Road in Indiana Township. As head chef, according to the

newspaper, he oversees the regular preparation of 150 dinners a night.

The wedding party of **Nicole Jocken-Raudabaugh '05** and **Peter Raudabaugh '05** included **Julie Bergin '04**, **Adam Urffer '04**, **Marley Brown '04**, **Dave Ross '04**, **Becca Geiger '04**, **Matt Hopkins '06**, current student **Sarah Raudabaugh**, and **Zach Raudabaugh '00**. Nicole and Peter married in Mechanicsburg in August, honeymooned in Jamaica, and live near Baltimore, where Peter is a technical recruiter and Nicole an interior designer. Photos appear in Alumni Extra's Weddings section at www.iup.edu/magazine.

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Philadelphia's Walking Fish Theatre regularly presents *High Drama*, a sketch comedy troupe that includes in its six actors and writers **Zac Ross '07**, **Johnny Smith '07**, **D.C. Fisher '08**, and **Adam Crego**.

Tyler Steck '07 and **Jennifer Hine '08** are engaged and planning a wedding for October.

The marriage of **Cassandra Allman '08** and **Scott Pribanich '08** in August united two IUP alumni families. Scott's parents are **Cheryl Maurey Pribanich '76** and **Mark Pribanich '77**. Cheryl's parents are Tina



weddings

1960s

Janice Stone '67 to **Malcolm Bourne**, July 13, 2008.

1970s

Reed Booth '70, M'71 to **Steve Fairman**, December 22, 2008.
Cheryl Ralston '70, M'72, D'90 to **Wayne Staples**, August 30, 2008.

1990s

Buddy Smallwood '95 to **Brooke Bey '97**, January 3, 2009.
Darlene Hart '97 to **Matthew Fisher**, March 18, 2008.
Amy Pryor '97 to **Robert Knapp**, October 14, 2006.
Holly Hagerich '98 to **Brad Hall**, July 6, 2007.
Carolyn Bernacki '99 to **Joshua Kreusser**, October 4, 2008.
Jacquelyn Moyher '99 to **Jim Elliott**, June 7, 2008.

2000s

Chris Cowan '01 to **Molly Haas M'05**, August 31, 2008.
Kyleen Burkley '02 to **Dwayne Ressler**, October 25, 2008.
Samantha Jeswald '03 to **Daniel Higgs**, September 15, 2007.
Jennifer Henderson '04 to **Matthew Johnson**, December 24, 2008.
Nicole Jocken '05 to **Peter Raudabaugh '05**, August 2, 2008.
James Mickey '06 to **Nicole Kranick '07**, April 19, 2008.
Cassandra Allman '08 and **Scott Pribanich '08**, August 2, 2008.

McMahon Allman '81 and **John Allman '81**. **Brett Miller '08** was a groomsman, and the bridesmaids included **Sara Marhefka '08** and **Kelly Allman**

and current student **Rebecca Allman**. In addition, **Michael Jones '08** played trumpet for the wedding.

Monroeville, Pa. resident
JEFFERSON AWARDS

RAMP

Monroeville resident Épryl White King '01 was a 2008 winner of a Jefferson Award in a program started by the American Institute for Public Service and administered locally by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* with the sponsorship of Highmark, the Pittsburgh Foundation, and the Heinz Endowments. She and six other winners were honored at an awards ceremony in February. Each received a medallion and \$1,000 for the nonprofit of his or her choice, underwritten by sponsoring groups. Épryl founded RAMP (Raising Achievement in

Monroeville and Pitcairn) to help close the achievement gap for disadvantaged students. A second-grade teacher in the Gateway School District, she spends thirty hours a month coordinating volunteer tutors and creating incentives for kids to improve their grades. "RAMP is not me, it's us," Épryl told the *Post-Gazette*. Volunteer tutors, board members, community members, civic groups, churches, and businesses help support the program. "I'm very grateful and humbled by this recognition," she said.



arrivals

1970s

To **Mickey Capco '78** and **Connie Capco**, a daughter, Mackenzie Ann, October 31, 2008.

1990s

To **Erik Landrey '91** and **Kathryn Ann Ross**, a son, Alexander James, February 28, 2008. To **Kristine Scranton Minnick '92** and **Randall Minnick**, a son,

Keaton Beau, December 25, 2008. To **Jennifer Wisor Poirier '92** and **Noel Poirier '92**, a son, Luc, August 18, 2008. To **Michael Hiatt '93** and **Elizabeth Hiatt**, a son, Anthony Craig, July 8, 2008. To **Cheryl Brednich Thomson '93** and **Eric Thomson**, a son, Charles Matthew, October 22, 2007. To **Paul Hannah '94** and **Melissa Hannah**, a son, Parker James, December 21, 2008. To **Heather Szafranski Holtschlag '94** and **Jim Holtschlag**, a son, Matthew Stephen, December 12, 2008. To **Janine Frick Schott '95** and **Paul Schott**,

a son, Jason Andrew, September 6, 2008. To **Michelle Agulia Allan '96** and **Doug Allan**, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, September 5, 2008. To **Julia Pollock Brokmeyer '96** and **Eric Brokmeyer**, a son, Tate John, November 19, 2008. To **Holly Hagerich Hall '98** and **Brad Hall**, a son, Mason, April 21, 2008. To **Avery Jakela Lawson '99**, M'03 and **Steve**

Lawson, a son, Chance William, January 15, 2009.

2000s

To **Steven Ryan '00** and **Amber Morris Ryan '01**, a son, Tyler Steven, September 15, 2008. To **Jeff Mueller '01** and **Lindsay Figel Mueller '01**, a son, Benjamin Thomas, January 23, 2009. To **Ryan Miller '02** and **Krista Hughes Miller '03**, a daughter, Elisabeth Anne, November 23, 2008. To **Tamarah Pritchard '04**, M'07 and **Davon Morris**, a daughter, Makhia Lee, July 11, 2007.



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deaths

1930: Velma Mikesell Muir.
1932: Virginia Willard Stauffer.
1933: Bernice Lydic Bagley, Beryl Stickle Jermanovich.
1935: Helen Rarie Brubaker.
1936: Mildred St. Clair Trimpey.
1937: Lynette Daly Tarr.
1939: Bette Phillips Blaine, Emma Martinelli Nuzzo, Elizabeth Trunzo Quinn.

1941: Irma Johnston Holt, Cornelia Mickle Nunamaker.
1942: Alvin Munn, Charles Truby.
1943: Martha Ward Briner, Constance Bault Schmitt, Alice Poole Sheeder.

1945: Arlene Bianco, Margery Wallace Black, Helen Campbell Johnson.

1946: Harry Ray.
1947: John Feather, Mary Brandler Weinstein.

1950: James Avampato, Anthony Esposito, Thomas Pellegrine.
1951: Peggy Lou Schall Howard.
1952: Jane Huhn Farren.
1954: Daniel DiCicco*.
1955: Bruce Williams.
1956: Anna Torchia Desantis, John Petchar.
1958: Robert Alwine, Carl Magan.
1959: Peggy Strayer Smith.

1960: James Dinning.
1961: Walter Carmo.
1962: Elaine Dallas Nickel.
1963: James McCarron.
1964: Rachel Heeter Rhodes.
1966: Dale Reigel.

1967: Judith Newcome Allshouse (M), Joseph Crissman, Steve Sidora.

1968: Barry Trzyna.
1969: Paula Rhine Elkin, Helen Hall.

1970: William Cain.
1971: Beverly Donaldson Faranda, Susan Kollar Lee.
1973: Barbara Shofstahl Frye (M).
1975: William McDaid (AA).
1976: Stephen Evans.
1977: Dianne Swayze Ferretti.
1978: Elizabeth Bender (M), Robert Curry (M), Thomas Prothero.
1979: Julie Brink.

1981: Linda Sweeney Selip.
1982: Linda Scott Bargerstock.
1983: Brian Bouren.
1984: Brian Bobal, Mary McLeod (M), Lora Mokrejs.

1991: James Heimbach (M).
1999: Sonya Barclay*.

2001: Brianna Lasure.

2007: Kyle Weber

* current or former faculty member, staff member, or administrator

other deaths

Donald Duncan, a member of the Mathematics Department faculty from 1967 until his retirement in 1996, died January 17, 2009.

Ralph Glott, an IUP faculty member in education from 1962 until his retirement in 1978, died January 25, 2009.

Douglas Haney, a freshman Political Science major from Bellefonte, died February 10, 2009.

James Innes, a member of the Art Department faculty at IUP from 1964 until his retirement in 1990, died January 20, 2009.



● **HURDLES ASIDE** Kamal Ud-Din, right, received a Ph.D. in English from IUP in December. With him is his dissertation director Kenneth Sherwood, a faculty member in the Graduate Program in Literature and Criticism. Ud-Din, Sherwood said, believes he is the first blind recipient of a Fulbright doctoral fellowship. In Pakistan, he is old enough to retire but instead came to the U.S. to study, writing his dissertation on the African American poet Gwendolyn Brooks. Blind since two 1/2 grade, he hopes to develop a center for the blind in Pakistan and to encourage the inclusion of African American literature in academic curricula. "His is a remarkable story," Sherwood said, "of crossing cultures and overcoming hurdles to do so."

● SOMEHOW THIS CHAIR SEEMS STRANGELY FAMILIAR.

According to the Society for Contemporary Craft, more than 100,000 Pittsburghers regularly experience the changing exhibitions at the society's satellite gallery in the transit station at One Mellon Bank Center. This past winter's focus of attention was *The Adirondack III: Transformation and Reinvention*, which highlighted green design by students from IUP's Center for Turning and Furniture Design. One of twelve chairs in the exhibit, *Two-Door-ondack* by recent graduate Kate Gagermeyer, was crafted exclusively from closet doors reclaimed from the demolished Langham and Gordon hotels.





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